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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT, PPP IN SIND CONTINUE  
HARASSING OPPOSITION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ARRESTS OF PIR PAGARO'S FOLLOWERS,  
RUSTICATION OF SIND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, DENUNCIATION OF  
OPPOSITION HAVE CONTINUED FOR PAST FEW DAYS, SUGGESTING THAT  
GOVERNMENT OF SIND AND PPP LEADERS APPEARED TAKING  
OPPOSITION AND SINDHI NATIONALISTS QUITE SERIOUSLY. SIND  
UNIVERSITY TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN, MEANWHILE, ATTEMPT MAKE POLITICAL  
CAPITAL OF IMPOSITION SECTION 144, OTHER GOVERNMENT ACTIONS  
AGAINST OPPONENTS. POSSIBLE THAT ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF  
CHIEF MINISTER MUMTAZ BHUTTO AND OF PRESIDENT INCREASED  
GOS ANXIETY TO MAINTAIN ORDER. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SIND  
UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION INCIDENT APRIL 28 ( REF C), " SINDHU DESH"  
MOVEMENT, SPECTRE OF ARMED HURS INVADING HYDERABAD TAKEN  
MORE SERIOUSLY WHEN VIEWED TOGETHER THAN THEY MIGHT  
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OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT OF SIND AND PPP SPOKESMEN MAINTAINED HIGH LEVEL OF POLEMICS AGAINST OPPOSITION UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT, AS ARRESTS ALSO CONTINUED. SYED QAIM ALI SHAH, ACTING CHIEF MINISTER IN ABSENCE MUMTAZ BHUTTO, TOLD NEWSMEN MAY 12 THAT SECTION 144 WOULD NOT BE LIFTED IN NEAR FUTURE, AND ACCUSED UDP OF ATTEMPTING CREATE CHAOS AND CONFUSION IN MINDS OF PEOPLE. TURNING NEXT DAY TO "SINDHU DESH" ISSUE, QAIM ADVISED HYDERABAD PPP WORKERS TO DISTINGUISH CAREFULLY BETWEEN SLOGANS OF "JIAY SIND" AND "SINDHU DESH"; HE CLAIMED FORMER STOOD FOR PROSPERITY FOR SIND, CHERISHED BY ALL PEOPLES OF PROVINCE, WHILE LATTER STOOD FOR SEPARATION, WHICH COULD NOT BE TOLERATED. EVEN NORMALLY SILENT PPP VICE CHAIRMAN, MAKHDOOM MOHAMMED ZAMAN TALIB- UL- MOULA SPOKE OUT MAY 12 WARNING OPPOSITION AGAINST PLAYING "DIRTY GAME" ANTITHETICAL TO NATION'S INTERESTS, AND PRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BHUTTO REGIME. SIND LOCAL BODIES MINISTER JAM SADIQ ALI ALSO JOINED FRAY, ACCUSING OPPOSITION OF MAKING INDECENT REMARKS ABOUT PRESIDENT. TAKING DIRECT SWIPE AT PIR PAGARO, ( SOMETHING GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FAR APPEARED HESITANT TO DO) JAM SADIQ ACCUSED PIR OF KEEPING HIS FOLLOWERS IN A BONDAGE OF IGNORANCE AND OF PRACTICING DICTATORSHIP WITHIN HIS COMMUNITY.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT MAY 14 OF SIX ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF FOLLOWERS OF PIR PAGARO BRINGS TOTAL OF THOSE INCARCERATED TO ABOUT TWO DOZEN. OF THOSE ARRESTED SINCE IMPOSITION SECTION 144, ONLY ONE WHO NOT FOLLOWER OF PIR BUT POLITICIAN IN OWN RIGHT, MNA CHAUDHRI ZAHUR ILAHI OF CML/ UDF, RELEASED ON PERSONAL BOND BY SIND- BALUCHISTAN HIGH COURT MAY 14. COURT CURRENTLY DELIBERATING FOUR OTHER CASES INVOLVING PIR'S FOLLOWERS.

3. PIR HIMSELF HELD NEWS CONFERENCE MAY 11 IN WAKE IMPOSITION SECTION 144 AND CANCELLATION UDF PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR KARACHI PARK. PIR SAID GOVERNMENT WAS USING LAW DICTATORILY TO BLOCK COMMUNICATION BETWEEN OPPOSITION AND PEOPLE. HE STATED UDF WOULD NOT FALL INTO GOVERNMENT'S TRAP AND VIOLATE 144, AND SUMMARIZED HISTORY OF GOVERNMENT MACHINATIONS AGAINST UDF. PIR DENIED HE HAD SUMMONED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HURS FROM SIND TO HYDERABAD FOR UDF MEETING, BUT SAID HE KNEW SOME HAD COME FROM INTERIOR OF SIND ANYWAY. HE DENIED THAT UDF EVER INTENDED FOMENT TROUBLE AND REMINDED REPORTERS OF RAWALPINDI DEATHS WHICH HE LAID AT REGIME'S DOOR. AS OF MAY 14 PIR REPORTED ILL IN KARACHI AND UNABLE TO OFFICIATE AT UDF RALLY IN LAHORE.

4. PROVINCIAL EDUCATION MINISTER DUR MOHAMMED USTO ANNOUNCED MAY 14 THAT SINDH UNIVERSITY, CLOSED FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN WAKE APRIL 28 INCIDENT ( REF C), WOULD REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. STORY THAT UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR GHULAM MUSTAFA SHAH HAS RESIGNED SURFACED IN LOCAL PRESS MAY 13, BUT WAS DENIED NEXT DAY BY USTO. TWELVE MORE STUDENTS WERE " RUSTICATED" FROM UNIVERSITY MAY 11 FOR PERIOD OF THREE YEARS ON CHARGES OF INDISCIPLINE AND MISCONDUCT ARISING FROM CONVOCATION DISRUPTION. NEWLY FORMED FEDERATION OF FIVE MINOR SINDHI STUDENT GROUPS IN KARACHI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 13 DEMANDING RELEASE OF G. M. SYED, REMOVAL OF USTO, WITHDRAWAL OF HONORARY DEGREE AWARDED TO PIRZADA, AND REOPENING OF UNIVERSITY.

5. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT AND PPP LEADERS APPEAR TO BE TAKING OPPOSITION AND SINDHI NATIONALIST MOVEMENT MORE SERIOUSLY THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE LAST SUMMER'S SINDHI LANGUAGE RIOTS. CONTINUANCE OF CRACKDOWNS AND HA  
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